

PROCLAMATION OF APPRECIATION DAVID E. GOUIN

WHEREAS, in March 1999, David Gouin joined the City of Santa Rosa as the Program Manager for Affordable Housing; and

WHEREAS, David promoted to the Director of Housing and Redevelopment in 2004; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his leadership, David saw Housing and Redevelopment evolve to include Neighborhood Revitalization, Economic Development, Parking, Homeless Services and Code Enforcement; and

WHEREAS, David led the City's Redevelopment Agency to finance major projects benefiting Santa Rosa, such as the Hyatt Vineyard Creek Hotel and multiple affordable housing units; and led the City through the dissolution of Redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, David led the Neighborhood Revitalization Program, a City-wide task force dedicated to improving conditions in neighborhoods throughout Santa Rosa through code enforcement and neighborhood outreach; and

WHEREAS, during David's tenure, the City opened two homeless shelters with more than 200 emergency shelter beds, assisted Catholic Charities in purchasing the "Block" for the development of Caritas Center; and

WHEREAS, David led the City's efforts to expand homeless services and programs to address the changing needs of the community, including the adoption of a comprehensive Housing First Strategy, implementation of a multi-disciplinary encampment response team, and activation of innovative programming in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, David led a team to bring over 1,500 affordable housing units to fruition and assure their continued affordability for future generations of Santa Rosa residents through ongoing compliance and monitoring; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership the Housing Choice Voucher program grew by approximately 40 percent, earned the High Performing Agency award from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for 12 years and continues to provide ongoing rental assistance to over 2,000 households; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Rosa, the former Redevelopment Agency of the City of Santa Rosa, and the Housing Authority of the City of Santa Rosa have greatly benefited from David's leadership and insight.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that David is recognized as a consummate professional and will be remembered for the kindness and professionalism that he brought to the City of Santa Rosa.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that David Gouin will be greatly missed and is hereby wished a well-deserved retirement.

Jeff Owen, Chair, Housing Authority